

in such case he is hereby vested with the full power and authority to make all needful rules and regulations therefor, which rules and regulations shall have the force of law.

Powers of commander-in-chief.

3. At all times the commander-in-chief is hereby authorized to make and publish all needful rules and regulations for the control, discipline, armament and equipment of the militia, to carry out the provisions of this act, which rules and regulations shall, as far as practicable, conform to the laws and regulations governing the organizing of the United States volunteer forces, their discipline, armament, equipment and officers, and which rules and regulations shall have the force of law.

Regulations to conform to those of United States.

Existing enrolment to continue.

4. The enrolment and organization of the militia of this state into divisions, brigades, regiments, battalions, squadrons, batteries and companies, as numbered and recorded in the office of the adjutant general shall continue, subject to be altered by the commander-in-chief from time to time, as he may direct.

How volunteer companies formed.

5. Whenever a sufficient number of the militia shall meet together and declare their purpose in writing to form a volunteer company, by subscribing their names to an agreement to that effect, they may proceed to elect company officers as provided in section nine of this article, provided their numbers shall not consist of less than forty nor more than eighty persons. The captain elect shall thereupon transmit to the adjutant general the original agreement signed by the members proposing to organize said company, together with the proceedings of the meeting held of the election, duly attested by its chairman and secretary; and whenever the said officers elect are commissioned by the governor as provided in section ten, and the oaths of office as provided in section twenty-three of this article, shall have been taken and subscribed by the members thereof, said organization shall be a legally organized volunteer company of the militia of this state, subject to the requirements, and entitled to all the benefits and privileges of this Act.